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REASONABLY THROUGH REVIEW OF UNFPA ACTIVITIES BY GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC), PLENARY, AND B&F COMMITTEE PRODUCED CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE UNFPA WORK, FOR FURTHER IMPROVED DOCUMENTATION FOR THE GC AND RESULTED IN:

1. ANOTHER ROUND OF NEAR UNANIMOUS PRAISE OF UNFPA'S OVERALL STEWARDSHIP TO DATE OF UN POPULATION ACTIVITIES--A CLEAR SIGNAL OF CONTINUED GC HAPPINESS WITH UNFPA;

2. A GENERALLY WARM ENDORSEMENT OF UNFPA'S PROPOSED PROGRAM, PLANNING,

BUDGETARY, PRIORITY CRITERIA, INCREASED EMPHASIS ON EVALUATION AND PROJECT EXECUTION METHODS;

3. CAUTIOUS ENDORSEMENT OF UNFPA'S AMBITIOUS \$90 MILLION APPROVAL AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR 1976 WHICH (BECAUSE OF THE EXHAUSTION DURING 1975 OF ALL UNALLOCATED PRIOR YEAR RESERVES) WILL REQUIRE A 44 PER-
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CENT INCREASE IN VOLUNTARY PLEDGES OVER THE \$62.5 MILLION LEVEL OF 1975

PLEDGES. IT IS DECISION OF GC TOLD UNFPA TO:

A. LIMIT APPROVAL OF PROJECTS TO AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, AND

B. REPORT TO 21ST SESSION OF GC ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF RESOURCES TO ALLOW FOR A TOTAL 1976 APPROVAL AUTHORITY OF \$90 MILLION.

4. MUCH PRAISE (SOME OF IT OF THE PUMP PRIMING VARIETY) OF THE FIRST ARAB MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION TO ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST \$25 MILLION TO UNFPA DURING THE PERIOD 1975-1976 TO FINANCE POPULATION PROJECTS IN THE ARAB REGION;

5. APPROVAL BY THE GC OF UNFPA'S:

A. 1976-1979 WORK PLAN

B. LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS FOR NIGERIA (\$1,345,200), FOR ROMANIAN DEMOGRAPHIC CENTER (\$1,125,000), FOR THE ISLAMIC CENTER FOR POPULATION STUDIES (\$301,900), AND FOR A 5 YEAR M.C.H. PROGRAM IN MEXICO (\$8.85 MILLION)

6. ALTHOUGH THE US AND THREE OF FOUR OTHER DELEGATIONS INDICATED THEIR UNHAPPINESS IN PLENARY STATEMENTS AND TO UNFPA IN THE CORRIDORS, USDEL ATTEMPTS BUILD SUFFICIENT OPPOSITION TO DERAIL OR SCALE DOWN ROMANIAN PROJECT FAILED. HOWEVER, AN INITIATIVE OF THE USDEL IN THE B&F COMMITTEE (SEE GENEVA 4749) WAS SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF NEW POSTS APPROVED UNDER UNFPA'S 1976 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET BY 29 PERCENT AS WELL AS DEFERRING A CG DECISION ON THE UPGRADING OF TWO UNFPA HEADQUARTER D-1 POSTS TO THE D-2 LEVEL UNTIL AT LEAST MID-1976;

7. UNFPA REPORTING THAT ON THE BASIS FORMAL PLEDGES MADE AT THIS GC MEETING INCLUDING \$20 MILLION ANNOUNCED BY THE US AND ADDITIONS ANNOUNCED BY THE NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, IT HAD "VALIDATED" THE \$80 MILLION APPROVAL AUTHORITY UNCLASSIFIED

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